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Portion of Prince William Sound Goat Hunt Closes

Cordova – The southwestern portion of registration permit hunt RG242 for mountain goats in Unit 6(D) will close at one minute before midnight on October 4 by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The closed area includes that portion of Unit 6(D) bounded by Port Gravina, Sheep Bay, and by the Sheep, Gravina, and Beartrap Rivers.

Aerial surveys during August 2003 indicated a population of about 170 goats in subunit 2A registration permit area RG242. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 7 goats. Each nanny counts as 2 goats toward the harvest objective. The current harvest is 1 nanny and 5 billies for a total of 7 goat units. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the population.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG242 in Unit 6(D). All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.